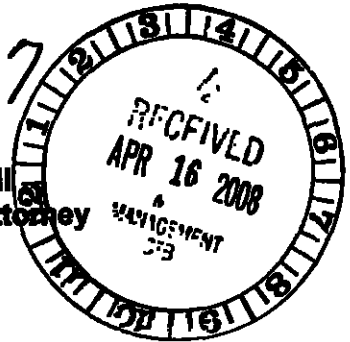




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Re. STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub No. 287X), Norfolk Southern Railway
Company - Abandonment Exemption - Brunswick County, VA

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

Norfolk Southern Railway Company filed a notice of exemption to abandon a 5.00-mile line of railroad between mileposts FD 90.20 and FD 95.20, in Lawrenceville, Brunswick County, Virginia. The exemption became effective on June 1, 2007.

The segment of the line between mileposts FD 90.20 and FD 92.40 will be reclassified as industrial lead track, with no salvage of tracks or materials, and the segment of the line between mileposts FD 92.40 and FD 95.20 is subject to NITU negotiations with Roanoke River Rails-to-Trails, Inc., which period expires on May 26, 2008.

In a decision served December 17, 2007, the Board removed the only condition to consummation of the abandonment, the Section 106 historic preservation process condition. Absent the trail use negotiations, pursuant to the Board's decision served May 2, 2007, NSR's consummation notice should be filed by May 2, 2008.

Negotiations under the NITU are on-going, but additional time may be needed to complete the contract. NSR anticipates Roanoke River Rails-to-Trails, Inc. asking the Board for an extension of the negotiating period, to which NSR consents upon its filing

NSR believes that it would be more efficient to handle the trail use, consummation and reclassification at the same time, and therefore requests the Board to extend the due date for NSR to file its notice of consummation for one year (to May 2, 2009) or until 60 days after the expiration of the final extension period for interim trail use negotiations (whenever that might be), whichever is later, in order to allow sufficient time for the disposition of the entire line to be settled.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Paschall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "Paschall" being clearly legible.

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